

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28. 1742.

day arriv'd the Two Mails due from Holland.

Moscow, Dec. 3.

ER Imperial Majesty has been pleased to appoint the Privy-Counsellor Brevern, and the Vice-Chancellor Bessucheff, to sign Dispatches, and to confer with Foreign Ministers, provisionally, till another Chancellor be appointed. The Generals Romanzow and Lubris are appointed Plenipotentiaries of Abo. The Marquis de Botra, her Majesty's Minister, has taken leave of the Czarina, and is set out on his Return. We generally apprehend, that her Majesty will press the States of elect the Bishop of Lubeck, instead of his Ne- will resign to him Finland.

Dec. 14. Upon the 8th departed the De- which are gone to notify to the Duke of Hol- tion. They are to propose to him these, viz. I. That he make constant Profession of his Religion. II. That he shall govern ac- to the Fundamental Laws of the Kingdom. he come immediately into Sweden, and do Ho- the King and Kingdom. That in case on their found the Report false, of his having chang'd on, then they are to present his Royal High- the King's Letter of Felicitation; but if true, were to give him another Letter, importing his Majesty was concerned, that by taking this had rendered his Accession to the Swedish impracticable; but that his Majesty flattered that in return for the Respect shewn him by his Royal Highness would employ his good for procuring an advantageous Peace with

Dec. 17. A Squadron of Swedish Vessels of four Ships of the Line, two Frigates, and an ship, came lately on our Coasts, where one of the Hospital Vessel ran ashore. The latter wanted to make the best of her Way, without of her Crew on shore, on account of the con- cases with which they are supposed to be in- general Pretorius, who goes into the Service of General, has been dismissed with many Marks by his Majesty, and with a Present of 1000 the Expences of his Voyage. All our Mil- itions are continued with as much Hurry and certainty than they have been ever since the decision. This Instant we have the News of a Imbarcation for Norway, which will be un- immediately, and which shews, that our Court earnest, and that the North is to be again em-

Dec. 22. Since the Marquis de las Minas arriv'd with Army on the Frontiers of Savoy, it has dance of Motions, as if they intended to go the Piedmontese. In order to this, he caused to be thrown over the Isèra, and advanced with a small Party to reconnoitre the Enemy, of the Officers very near his Person was made. His Expedition however is ended in abandon- sign, and resolving to put his Forces into Win- as his Predecessor proposed, and this, not- the King of Spain's Orders, to march into what it would.

Dec. 23. A Letter from Dresden, Dec. 23.

are certain Advice here, that Marshal Bellef- out of Prague with the greatest Part of the viz. 5000 Foot and 2500 Horse on the 18th, forced the Austrians in their Post at Hortic- advanced on the 20th to Pirglitz, which is half Way to Pilsen, where he hoped to ar- the 22d. This Scheme of a Retreat has been agitation, and in truth was all the French had since the Coats and Pandours had made the round Prague a Desert, and the Provisions in were not sufficient for 6000 Men for six five Weeks ago. The Place therefore must without a Siege.

given out three or four Days before, that a was intended, but it was never understood. about Noon what was the true Design. Method formerly practised by Marshal Broglie use of to keep the City quiet, viz. the In- were forced to bring all their valuable Et- a Church, which was surrounded with Heaps of Faggots, Barrels of Oil, and then with

Guards, who had Orders on the smallest Motion of the Inhabitants, to set fire to the Place, and burn the whole Riches of the City. On the 18th, about four in the Morning, they began their March. There may be about 6000 Men left behind, but it is generally thought they will make a Push too, since they are scarce strong enough to awe the Townsmen.

P. S. We have just now a Courier from Leutmaritz, with Advice, that General Nadasti with 5000 Hussars had overtaken the French on the 19th near Lochowitz, and after a very sharp Engagement had entirely ruined their Horse, and forced the whole Army to encamp, so that it was conceived Prince Lobkowitz must also come up with them with his Infantry and Artillery. It was supposed Marshal Bellefille halted, in Order to give M. de Sochelles, and the rest of the Gar- rison of Prague, time to join him; if so, a general Engagement must ensue, before the French can continue their March for Bavia.

Vienna, Dec. 15. There seems to be a stricter Union than ever between our Court and that of Great Britain, the Grand Duke shewing unusual Respect to the British Minister here. Hussars and Croats pass by daily for their own Countries, the War being at a Stand in Bavia thro' the Rigour of the Season, which is greater than was ever known. Marshal Seckendorff receiv'd a severe Check on his Attempt to follow Prince Charles from Braunau. His Highness intended to have kept the Field the whole Winter; but the Dispositions made for cantoning the Troops by Marshal Konigsegg, answering the same Ends of distressing the Enemy and securing our Dominions, his Royal Highness has agreed to that Plan, and in consequence thereof is daily expected here.

Extract of a Private Letter.

Paris, Jan. 2. It is generally believed here, that the Duke de Noailles, who is now considered as a Cabinet Counsellor, will soon raise himself to the Head of the Ministry, for which he has very great Talents. He is at present much considered, on account of his wife Conduct in Flanders; where, it is said, he defeated the dangerous Designs of our enterprising Neighbours, by his timely and well contriv'd Precautions in fortifying various Posts in such a manner as shew'd he had pene- trated their Scheme. Nobody imagines his Stay at Court will be long at present; but it is conceived, that after giving the necessary Directions for covering Lor- rain and Alsace, he will make another Tour to Ver- sailles before the Season for Action approaches. It is by his Advice all the new Regulations have been made for augmenting and recruiting the Army, which will be entirely repaired in all its Losses by the Opening of the Spring, and then we are told some Project of great Importance will be undertaken.

The Report of Marshal Bellefille's quitting Prague be- gins to gain Credit. It is said by some to have been a Scheme concerted here, and that the Retreat of Marshal Maillebois into Bavia was contriv'd in order to favour it; nay, that Marshal Broglie's declining to fight the Austrians proceeded from the same Reason, and that mighty Consequences are to follow. Others assert, that he was forced thereto by the Loss of Leutmaritz, Teufchen, and other Posts, with the Magazines laid up in them. That in his March to Egra he must subsist entirely on what he carries from Prague, and that if he joins the Forces in Bavia, the Country cannot subsist them even for a few Weeks, and this is no Season for transporting Provisions. They therefore lay it down as certain, that if he has actually quitted Prague, he will endeavour to return into France by the Upper Palati- nate, Franconia, &c. while the Weather protects him, and his Troops from being followed by the Austrians, or met by their Auxiliaries.

The Nature of our Government prevents the Dissatisfaction of its Subjects from appearing as mani- festly here as elsewhere, yet we are sensible enough for all that of the Disposition of the People. The Conti- nuation of the War in Germany is a Thing universally disliked, as it was from the Beginning, and the strange Stories told by the Officers who are returned from Bohemia and Bavia, of the Hardships sustained there, serve to heighten this Spirit. Whoever engaged the Queen of Hungary to refuse the Terms offered her, whatever Hurt they did her, they have done us ten times as much. The Expence of the War in Germany is, in short, insupportable; and the Court knows this so well, that a Resolution has been taken to withdraw our Troops from thence next Summer, at any rate. Some Terms, however, must in that Space be made for the Emperor; since it is but too visible, that he must otherwise be left to the Queen of Hungary's

Mercy, who would immediately drive him out of his Hereditary Countries, which some say she intends to keep as an Equivalent for Silesia.

HOME PORTS.

Falmouth, Dec. 23. Wind S. E. Since my last arrived the Jewell, from Bristol for this Place. Sailed the Fly, Rickards, for London; the Mercurius, McGloed, and the St. Helena, Rohdt, both for the Streights; the Batchelor, Brown, and the Catherine, Pollard, for Penzance.

Plymouth, Dec. 24. Since my last came in here, the Southero, Judd, from Maryland, and the Black Prince, Bruce, from Virginia.

Weymouth, Dec. 25. Wind E. N. E. On the 23d arrived in Portland Road, the Resolution, Wright, and the Ann, Hill, both from Virginia for London.

Cowes, Dec. 25. A Calm. On the 21st sailed the Two Sisters, Anchorman, for Norway; the Belia, Hock, and the Ufro Maria en Sara, Eitson, for Rotterdam. This Day came in the Bruynisse, Lievens, from Kirkaldi for Zu- rickzee, and sailed the 23d. This Morning came in the Friends Delight, Luce, from Newfoundland for London.

Dover, Dec. 26. Wind N. N. W. Arrived the Sarah and Ann, Appleton, and the Stubbington, Mauger, both from Jamaica.

Deal, Dec. 26. Wind N. W. Yesterday Afternoon sailed the Deal Castle, and the Henrietta, Hood, for Gibrat- tar, both to the Westward. Came down and sailed, the Francis, Warren, for Oporto. Remain in the Downs, the Dover, Lynn, and Greyhound Men of War.

Gravesend, Dec. 26. Pass'd by the Collet, Vaughan, and the Tottenham, Crawford, both from Jamaica; the Priscilla, Plummer, from Barbados; the Vernon, Leay, from St. Kitt's; the St. John, Friend, from Virginia; the York, Young, the Duke, Gloyde, the Prosperous Esther, Northcote, the Friendship, Chambers, and the Mercury, Hargrave, all from Maryland; the St. Antonio de Lisboa, —, the St. George, Dormer, and the Adington, Kit- cherman, all from Lisbon; the John and Robert, Javer- nor, from Oporto; and the Golden Fleece, Madison, from Villa Nova.

Arrived

At Boston, the Ann, Phillips, and the Mary, M'Daniel, both from London.

At Piscatawa, the Wilmington, Darling, from ditto.

At New York, the London, Bryant, from ditto, and the New Susanna, Langdon, from Bristol.

At Rhode Island, the Boston, White, from Jamaica.

At Baltimore, the Francis, Davison, from ditto.

At Liverpool, the William and Betty, Powell, from Virginia.

At Haverfordwest, the Barbados Merchant, Leister, from Barbados.

At Biddford, the Revolution, Mills, the Raven, Bes- wick, and the Maryland Merchant, Martin, all from Ma- ryland.

At Hull, the Nottingham, Saunderson, from Carolina.

At Dunkirk, the Fortune, Mercur, from Danzig.

L O N D O N.

On December 12. N. S. they celebrated at Vienna the Birth-day of Prince Charles of Lorraine, who then enter'd the 31st Year of his Age.

The Prussians are assembling a great Corps of Troops between Troppau and Jagendorff in Silesia, and the General Officers who are to command them, have receiv'd Directions to repair on Dec. 19. N. S. to Breslau, to receive their final Orders.

The King of Portugal has had a third Attack of his Apoplexy, but is again recovered.

The Elector Palatine is dangerously ill, and his in- tended Successor the Prince of Sultzbach is taken with the Small Pox.

A Promotion of General Officers was lately made by the French King, but it remains a Secret who are in- cluded therein.

The Emperor, in his last Manifesto, calls the Queen of Hungary only *Duchess of Tuscany*.

The French have resolv'd to march a fourth Army into Germany, of 60,000 Men, in the Spring.

They write from Ellinore of the 21st inst. N. S. that the Niels Claens, a Swedish Ship bound for Lisbon, was burnt near that Place; that all the Crew were happily saved, but the Cargo was lost: And that two Danish East-India Ships, bound to Canton in China, were in that Road, waiting for a Wind, to proceed on their Voyage.

Letters from Carolina mention; that Capt. Rouse, in the Young Eagle Privateer, belonging to Boston in New England, had taken a Spanish Privateer of considerable Force, and sent her to that Place.

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